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SUBJECT: STATUS OF US RESIDUAL FORCES

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D. BANGKOK 2502

1. WE AGREE THAT YOUR FEB 4 MEETING WITH CHATCHAI AND ANAN REPRESENTED AN UNFORTUNATE NEW TURN IN THE TENOR OF THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE THAI ON THE STATUS OF OUR RESIDUAL PRESENCE. HOWEVER, IT CAN BE ARGUED THAT AFTER A FEW PRELIMINARY ROUNDS OF FRIENDLY SPARRING, WE ARE NOW IN A REAL NEGOTIATION AND WE SHOULD NOT BE DISCOURAGED OR TURNED OFF BY THAT FACT.

2. WHILE WE FIND THE THAI "PRINCIPLES" VAGUE, INTERNALLY INCONSISTENT (POINTS 1 AND 6), AND BORDERING ON THE GRATUITOUS (POINT 2), WE BELIEVE WE CAN LIVE WITH THIS APPROACH. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH DOD ON A REVISED SET OF PRINCIPLES FOR YOUR COMMENTS AND HOPE TO
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